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SUBJECT: PUBLIC STANCE ON UNC CALL FOR MAC MEETING

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1. UPON RECEIPT REF B I TOLD FOREIGN MINISTER THAT
WE WOULD STICK TO LINE HE SUGGESTED ON US-ROK CONSULTATION.
HE WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE.

2. I ALSO TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE BRIEFING HIM
ON OUR PLANS FOR MAC MEETING AND FILLED HIM IN IN
GENERAL TERMS ON FURTHER CHANGES SET FORTH IN STATE 210272. GIVEN
ROK SENSITIVITY ON CONSULTATION, I HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE
TOUCH WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER ON MAC MEETING PLANS, EVEN
THOUGH FORMAL COORDINATION WITH KOREANS CONTINUES THROUGH
NORMAL MAC CHANNELS. FOREIGN MINISTER WAS CLEARLY PLEASED
WITH OUR CHANGES AND FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT WE NOT CLOSE DOOR
TO CONTINUED TALKS WITH NORTH KOREANS THROUGH MAC CHANNELS.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER ALSO PROBED WHETHER WE HAD ANY INTENTION
CONTACTING NORTH KOREANS INDIRECTLY THROUGH PRC. HE THOUGHT
THAT PERHAPS NORTH KOREANS, WHILE TAKING STIFFER LINE
IN MAC, MIGHT SIGNAL MORE RESPONSIVE ANSWER ON ASSURANCES
THROUGH CHINESE. I TOLD FOREIGN MINISTER THAT I KNEW OF NO
PLANS TO BE IN FURTHER TOUCH WITH PRC BUT WOULD TRANSMIT HIS

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SUGGESTION. COMMENT: FOREIGN MINISTER'S QUERY IS BUT

ANOTHER OF KOREAN PROBES TO FIND OUT WHAT WE HAVE SAID
TO PRC. SOME SUSPECT WE ARE ACTING UNILATERALLY THRU PRC
CHANNEL.

4. I ALSO RAISED AGAIN WITH FONMIN CRITICISM IN PRESS OF OUR
ACTION AND FAILURE TAKE OTHER MILITARY ACTIONS, POINTING
OUT IT WAS UNWARRANTED AND COUNTER PRODUCTIVE.
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